(b) if so, whether the State Government has asked the help of army for rescue operations;

(c) if so, the details of assistance rendered by the Union Government to the State Government and details of reports submitted by the Central team;

(d) whether there was a proposal to create special teams to deal with the victims of natural calamities; and

(e) if so, the present status of such teams etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The cyclone "Aila", which hit coastal areas of West Bengal, affected large areas in North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas and East Medinipur districts and in the adjoining districts on 25th May, 2009. As per information received from the State Government, this cyclone has taken a toll of 137 human lives and affected over 63.90 lakh persons.

The Government of India had provided logistic support to the State by deploying personnel alongwith boats from Army, Navy, Coast Guard and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) besides helicopters from Air Force for rescue and relief operations and evacuating the marooned people.

Upon receipt of a memorandum from Government of West Bengal, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the affected areas on 6th-9th June, 2009 and submitted a detailed damage assessment report and recommended assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). These recommendations relate to quantum of relief in case of human death, damage to houses, loss of animals and food stock as well as damage to agricultural crops and infrastructure in the State.

The High Level Committee (HLC) has considered the request of the State Government and decided to defer the decision on items relating to housing and road sectors, for want of area-wise details from the Government of West Bengal. In respect of the other sectors, assistance of Rs. 478.27 crore from NCCF has been approved.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Naxal attack in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra

475. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large group of Naxalites have recently struck in Western Maharashtra's Gadchirolli District in the month of May this year and killed a large number of police personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the activities of Naxalites are spreading in many parts of the country and there is a need to put a check on their activities; and

(d) if so, the strategies Union Government proposes to adopt to crush their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) On 21st May 2009 16 police personnel were killed in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Till June, 2009, 1128 incidents of naxal violence with 455 casualties were reported from 11 States; 82.35% of these incidents and 77.58% of the casualties were reported from Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand & Orissa.

Government has adopted an integrated approach in dealing with LWE activities in the arenas of security, development and public perception. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways. These include deployment of Central Paramilitary Forces (CPMFs) and Commando Battalions for Resolute Action (CoBRA); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions, setting up of Counter Insurgency and Anti Terrorism (CIAT) schools; modernisation and upgradation of the State Police and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme); re-imbursement of security-related: expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; filling up critical infrastructure gaps under the scheme for Special Infrastructure in Left wing Extremism affected States; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence; facilitating inter-State coordination; launching special intra-State and inter-State coordinated joint operations, assistance in community policing and civic actions and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

Impact of global recession on textile industry

476. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile units have faced crisis due to the impact of global recession;

(b) how many employees lost their jobs due to the crisis;

(c) whether any step has been taken by Government to give immediate relief to this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) As in case of manufacturing sectors all over the world, in India too, the manufacturing sector, including textile sector, has faced the impact of global economic slowdown. India's textiles exports have marginally declined by 5.31% in dollar terms during April-February' 2008-09 over the corresponding period of previous financial year. The Government is conscious of any possible job loss in textiles sector. However, no specific or definite number of job loss has been reported so far.